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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: FIFTH SESSION OF JOINT COMMISSION AND
AGREEMENT RENEWAL CEREMONY (01.00)

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1. DURING 18 MAY MEETING AT SCST, AYKAZYAN AND EMBOFF DISCUSSED
PREPARATIONS FOR JOINT COMMISSION MEETING AND AGREEMENT RENEWAL
CEREMONY.

2. ON TIMING, AYKAZYAN REJECTED STARTING DATE OF 10 JULY
WITHOUT CONSULTING SCST LEADERSHIP. HE SAID THAT VACATION AND
OTHER SCHEDULES WOULD OBVIATE POSSIBILITY OF LATER
TIMING, AND SAID THAT SOVIETS ACCEPT WITH PLEASURE 5-12 JULY TIMING.

3. ON SCHEDULE, AYKAZYAN SAID THAT SOVIETS MUCH PREFER:
5 JULY ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON
6 JULY POSSIBLE AGREEMENT-RENEWAL CEREMONY (SEE PARA 4 BELOW)
AND JCM.

7 JULY INSTITUTE VISITS AND PREPARATION OF MEMORANDUM
EVENING RECEPTION AT SOVIET EMBASSY

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8 JULY MORNING: SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM
(AND POSSIBLY AGREEMENT RENEWAL; SEE PARA 4)
AFTERNOON: VISITS OR FREE TIME
EVENING: DEPARTURE BY TRAIN TO NYC.

9-10 JULY WEEKEND IN NYC

11 JULY MORNING: IBM
AFTERNOON: OTHER VISIT

12 JULY RETURN TO WASHINGTON AND FLIGHT TO MOSCOW.

AYKAZYAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF AMERICAN CONSIDERATION IN ALLOWING 6 MAY AS REST AND CONSULTATIONS, BUT STATED THAT SOVDEL WOULD WANT TO START MORNING 6 MAY. HE EXPRESSED STRONGEST DESIRE FOR FULL DAY FOR SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE MEMORANDUM IN GOOD FORM, RECALLING DIFFICULT AND RUSHED EFFORTS IN 1974 AND 1975. SOVDEL PREFERS EVENING 8 JULY DEPARTURE FOR NYC, AND IS APPARENTLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT RIDING THE METROLINER.

4. ON SIGNING OF RENEWAL, AYKAZYAN NOTED TWO POSSIBILITIES: MORNING 6 JULY BEFORE OPENING OF JCM OR 8 JULY AT SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM. DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND IDEAS THAT FORMER (6 JULY) ACCENTUATED RENEWAL MORE BY SEPARATING IT FROM MEMORANDUM WHILE LATTER (8 JULY) WOULD ALLOW CEREMONY AFTER DR. PRESS AND ACADEMICIAN KIRILLIN HAD GOTTEN TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER. AYKAZYAN PROMISED TO ADVISE IF KIRILLIN HAS ANY STRONG PREFERENCES, BUT NOTED THAT U.S. IS HOST.

5. ON VISITS, AYKAZYAN HOPED THAT INFORMATION ON SCHEDULE WILL BE PROVIDED INFORMALLY AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, AND THAT U.S. WILL NOT WAIT UNTIL ALL ITEMS TIED DOWN TO PROVIDE SCHEDULE. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT WHILE ALL SOVIET MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMISSION COULD BE PROGRAMMED TOGETHER, SOVIET WORKING GROUP CO-CHAIRMEN IN ATTENDANCE COULD BE EFFECTIVELY PROGRAMMED INDIVIDUALLY (IMPLICATION WAS BY THEIR CORRESPONDING AMERICAN W.G. CO-CHAIRMEN WITH KOLOTYRKIN GOING WITH STAEHLE). AYKAZYAN SPECIFIED THAT THE SOVIET W.G. CO-CHAIRMEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"WILL NOT BE INTERESTED IN IBM."

6. COMMENT. MEMORANDUM-PREPARATION CAN BE A MARATHON EVENT, AND AYKAZYAN'S SUGGESTION FOR THE DAILY SCHEDULE THEREFORE SEEMS QUITE REASONABLE IN THIS REGARD. WHILE HIS REJECTION OF LATER TIMING FOR THE JCM ON GROUNDS OF VACATIONS ALSO IS QUITE PLAUSIBLE, WE ALSO RECALL SOME EARLY-SPRING COMMENTS BY AYKAZYAN THAT THE SOVIET JOINT COMMISSION WANTS TO GET THE COOPERATION MOVING BEFORE INTEREST WANES. HIS REJECTION OTHER DATES COULD THUS ALSO BE A PARTIAL REFLECTION THAT, AFTER A FEW FALSE STARTS ON JCM TIMING AND VENUE, THE SOVIETS WANT TO NAIL DOWN A DATE AND GET ON WITH IT. END COMMENT.

7. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS WITH TEXT OF KIRILLIN LETTER TO PRESS. MATLOCK

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